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C O N F I D E N T I A L VALLETTA 2267

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, ENRG,MT

SUBJ: FUTURE OF ESSO IN MALTA

REF: VALLETTA 2256

1. LOCAL ESSO MANAGER NAUDI TELEPHONED AMBASSADOR THIS MORNING TO INFORM HIM THAT HE HAD GIVEN LETTER TO DIRECTOR OF TRADE SPELLING OUT ESSO'S POSITION ON FUTURE OF ITS OPERATIONS ON MALTA.

2. COINCIDENTALLY, NAUDI WAS CALLED IN BY DIRECTOR OF TRADE SPEAKING FOR MINISTER OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY. PURPOSE OF THIS MEETING WAS EFFORT BY MINISTRY (WHICH HAD ALREADY TALKED SEPARATELY WITH SHELL REPRESENTATIVES) TO OBTAIN ASSURANCES FROM COMPANIES ON FUTURE PETROLEUM PRODUCTS SUPPLIERS. NAUDI SAID THAT HE, IN EFFECT, TOLD TRADE DIRECTOR HE WOULD NOT DISCUSS THE QUESTION AT THAT MOMENT SINCE THE LETTER TO THE MINISTER, WHICH HE HANDED OVER AT THIS
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POINT, ADDRESSED THE SAME GENERAL SUBJECT. TRADE

DIRECTOR READ LETTER HASTILY BUT APPARENTLY DID NOT GRASP ITS SIGNIFICANCE. HE SAID HE WOULD PUT IT IN HANDS OF MINISTER WITHOUT DELAY.

3. PRESS TODAY SAYS MINISTER OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY WILL BE MAKING A BROADCAST ON TELEVISION THIS EVENING, AND IT IS POSSIBLE THAT PETROLEUM PRODUCTS SUPPLIERS WILL BE THE SUBJECT.

4. COMMENT: NAUDI DID NOT REQUEST ANY ASSISTANCE FROM EMBASSY, AND IT SEEMS TO US THERE IS LITTLE WE CAN ADD NOW THAT ESSO HAS TAKEN THE INITIATIVE. THERE ARE NOW IN PLAY THREE ISSUES INVOLVING USG OR US PRIVATE COMPANIES WITH GOM: ESSO, TERMINATION OF PL 480 PROGRAM, AND WESTINGHOUSE SUIT AGAINST GOM WHICH IS DUE TO COME UP IN COURT DEC 7.GETZ

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